

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY

Students Interested in Physical Therapy

Physical therapy is an integral and unique component of the healthcare system. As a health profession, physical therapy focuses on the neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and cardiopulmonary systems of the human body as these systems relate to human motion and function. Human movement and the ability to interact physically with one's environment are essential components of physical, emotional, and social well-being. The physical therapist is dedicated to promoting health, preventing disease, and rehabilitating individuals disabled by injury or disease.

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) requires students pursuing a career in physical therapy to enter the profession with a post-baccalaureate degree.

An undergraduate degree in Kinesiology will prepare students by providing them with the necessary coursework required to enter most physical therapy graduate programs in the country, provided the student meets other admission criteria.

Requirements

DPT Program Admission

Admission to a DPT program is competitive. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better to be eligible for admission. Completion of UWM's Kinesiology Bachelor of Science degree does not guarantee admission to UWM's DPT program. Also, be aware of the admission requirements for each individual program as they do vary. Information about preparing for DPT is available in this document "Preparing to Apply for Admission to a Physical Therapy Program (<http://uwm.edu/healthsciences/wp-content/uploads/sites/129/2015/06/BS-Kinesiology-Pre-PT-handout.pdf>)".

Sample Plan for Kinesiology Major Student Interested in Physical Therapy

Academic advisors within the College of Health Science Office of Student Affairs will assist students interested in Physical Therapy with the development of career goals and the selection of appropriate courses to further those goals. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 414-229-2758.